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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work

Provisional agenda

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      (iii) World Programme of Action for Youth;
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Annotations

1. Election of officers

Rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council stipulates that, at the commencement of the first meeting of a regular session, the Commission shall elect from among the representatives of its members a Chair, one or more Vice-Chairs and such other officers as may be required. In subparagraph (e) of its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission for Social Development would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau. In its resolution 2016/6, the Council reaffirmed that the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission would continue to be elected for a term of office of two years, in parallel with the 2017–2018 review and policy cycle. Accordingly, the Commission held the first meeting of its fifty-sixth session on 10 February 2017, immediately following the closure of the fifty-fifth session, and elected by acclamation Bruno Rios Sánchez (Mexico) and Yao Shaojun (China) as Vice-Chairs of the fifty-sixth session. At the same meeting, the Commission postponed the election of the Chair from the Western European and other States and the Vice-Chair from the African States.

Subsequently, the Western European and other States nominated Nikulás Hannigan (Iceland) as Chair, the African States nominated Lot Dzonzi (Malawi) as Vice-Chair and the Eastern European States nominated Mihaela Mecea (Romania) as Vice-Chair of the Commission at its fifty-sixth session.

On 29 January 2018, the Commission will be invited to elect the Chair from the Western European and other States and Vice-Chairs from the African States and the Eastern European States, and to designate one of its Vice-Chairs as Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 7 of the rules of procedure requires that, after the election of its officers at the beginning of each session, the Commission shall adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission were approved by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 2017/231.

The proposed organization of work of the Commission at its fifty-sixth session (see annex I) has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to facilitate the consideration of agenda items within the time frame available and in accordance with the conference services allocated to the Commission. The timetable should be considered tentative and indicative: if the Commission completes its consideration of an item ahead of schedule, it may wish to proceed immediately to the next item.

The Commission is scheduled to meet from Monday, 29 January, to Wednesday, 7 February 2018. Arrangements have been made to hold morning and afternoon meetings during the session: morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Documentation

Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work (E/CN.5/2018/1)

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 55/46 on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the Assembly entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", the Commission will undertake regular assessment of the implementation of the Copenhagen commitments and the further initiatives adopted in Geneva.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/CN.5/2018/2)

(a) Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all

In its resolution 2016/6, the Economic and Social Council decided that the priority theme for the 2017-2018 review and policy cycle would be "Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all". The Commission will complete the biennial cycle by adopting action-oriented policy recommendations on strategies for the eradication of poverty to achieve sustainable development for all at its fifty-sixth session, in 2018. The Commission will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the priority theme.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all (E/CN.5/2018/3)

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

(ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

(iii) World Programme of Action for Youth

(iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(v) Family issues, policies and programmes

The Commission will consider issues pertaining to the situation of social groups.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (E/CN.5/2018/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes (A/73/61-E/2018/4)

(c) Emerging issues: towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development

In its resolution 2006/18, the Economic and Social Council decided to include the agenda item entitled "Emerging issues" in the programme of work of the Commission. The members of the Bureau, in consultation with their respective

regional groups, agreed that the theme for discussion under this agenda item during the fifty-sixth session would be "Towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development". A note by the Secretariat will be available to facilitate the discussion.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat entitled "Emerging issues: towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development" (E/CN.5/2018/5)

4. Programme questions and other matters

5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission

In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission will have before it the draft provisional agenda for its fifty-seventh session, together with an indication of the documentation to be submitted for its consideration.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission (E/CN.5/2018/L.1)[1]

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-sixth session

In accordance with rule 37 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, the Commission shall submit to the Council a report on the work of its fifty-sixth session.

Documentation

Draft report of the Commission on its fifty-sixth session (E/CN.5/2018/L.2)[1]

[1] To be issued as an in-session document.

Annex I

Proposed organization of work (29 January–7 February 2018)

Date	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
Week of 29 January–2 February 2018		
Monday, 29 January		
a.m.	1. Election of officers	
	2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters	Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work (E/CN.5/2018/1)
	3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly	Introduction of documentation under agenda item 3, including its sub-items (a) and (b) Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/CN.5/2018/2)
	(a) Priority theme: strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all	Report of the Secretary-General on strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all (E/CN.5/2018/3)
	(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups	
	(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons	
	(ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities	
	(iii) World Programme of Action for Youth	
	(iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002	Report of the Secretary-General on the third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (E/CN.5/2018/4)
	(v) Family issues, policies and programmes	Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the objectives of the International Year of the Family and its follow-up processes (A/73/61-E/2018/4)
	3 (a) and (b)	Introductory statements General discussion begins
p.m.	3 (a) (*continued*)	High-level panel discussion on item 3 (a)
Tuesday, 30 January		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b) (*continued*)	General discussion continues
p.m.	3 (c) Emerging issues: towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development	Note by the Secretariat entitled "Emerging issues: towards sustainable and resilient societies: innovation and interconnectivity for social development" (E/CN.5/2018/5)
Wednesday, 31 January		
a.m.	3 (b) (*continued*)	High-level panel discussion on the topic "Third review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action on Ageing"
p.m.	3 (b) (*continued*)	Panel discussion on the topic "Towards inclusive, resilient and sustainable development: an evidence-based approach to the mainstreaming of disability in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the 2030 Agenda"

Date	*Agenda item*	*Documentation programme*
Thursday, 1 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b) (*continued*)	General discussion continues
p.m.	4. Programme questions and other matters	
	3 (a) and (b) (*continued*)	General discussion continues
Friday, 2 February		
a.m.		Informal consultations (*no plenary meeting*)
p.m.		Informal consultations (*no plenary meeting*) *3 p.m.: deadline for submission of draft proposals*
Week of 5–9 February 2018		
Monday, 5 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b) (*continued*)	General discussion concludes
p.m.		Informal consultations (*no plenary meeting*)
Tuesday, 6 February		
a.m.		Informal consultations (*no plenary meeting*)
p.m.		Informal consultations (*no plenary meeting*)
Wednesday, 7 February		
a.m.	3 (a) and (b)	Introduction of draft proposals Action on draft proposals
	5. Provisional agenda for the fifty-seventh session of the Commission	Adoption of the provisional agenda for the next session
	6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-sixth session	Adoption of the report Closure of the session[a]
p.m.		Action on any outstanding draft proposals or other matters (if necessary)

[a] In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 2002/210, the Commission, immediately following the closure of the fifty-sixth session, will hold the first meeting of its fifty-seventh session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Council. In accordance with Council resolution 2010/6, the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission for the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions have been elected for a two-year term, subject to the review of the working methods of the Commission expected to be undertaken at the fifty-sixth session.

Annex II

Membership of the Commission for Social Development at its fifty-sixth session (2018)

(46 members; four-year term)

Membership of the fifty-sixth session	*Term expires at close of session in the year*
Algeria	2019
Austria	2019
Bangladesh	2020
Belarus	2020
Benin	2019
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	2019
Brazil	2021
Bulgaria	2021
Burundi	2019
China	2021
Colombia	2019
Congo	2020
Côte d'Ivoire	2021
El Salvador	2020
France	2017
Ghana	2020
Haiti	2021
Iceland	2020
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2019
Iraq	2019
Israel	2019
Japan	2020
Madagascar	2021
Malawi	2021
Mexico	2019
Namibia	2019
Panama	2021
Paraguay	2020
Peru	2020
Portugal	2019
Qatar	2019
Republic of Korea	2020
Republic of Moldova	2020
Romania	2021

Membership of the fifty-sixth session	*Term expires at close of session in the year*
Russian Federation	2020
Rwanda	2020
Senegal	2020
Sudan	2021
Switzerland	2021
Turkmenistan	2021
United States of America	2020